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INTERNET SERVICE TO MP
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh had submitted a proposal to his Ministry to connect Bhopal, Indore and other major cities of Madhya Pradesh with each International gateway webs;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the proposal;

(c) the steps taken to promote Internet service in that State; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) The following steps have been taken by the Government to promote Internet services in Madhya Pradesh (M.P).

(i) 78 Category A licenses have been given to Internet Services providers (ISPs) who can start service anywhere in India including MP. In addition 2 Category B & 9 Category C licenses have been given in MP.

(ii) 14 ISPs have reported start of Internet service in MP.

(iii) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has installed 44 nodes in MP.

(iv) Internet facility has been made available in all District Headquarters of MP by BSNL.

(v) Internet access has been extended to the customers on local call charge basis to the nearest node by BSNL.

(vi) Internet connectivity has been extended to 304 Block Headquarters out of 313 Block Headquarters in MP state by BSNL.

(vii) BSNL, through the scheme of Internet Dhabas set up through the franchisees, has provided Internet Dial-up connections to 142 Internet Dhabas.

(viii) To promote proliferation of Internet in rural areas BSNL is offering free Internet access for the Internet Dhabas in rural Block Headquarters.

(ix) The Internet Dhaba franchisees of BSNL are also eligible for 25 percent of Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) access charges as commission.